

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 808
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sue Lee on her selection as Teacher of the Year at West Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sue Lee is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lee has recently been selected by her colleagues as Teacher of the Year at West Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lee received her Associate of Science degree from Lees-McCrae College, her Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and has completed additional course work at the University of Tennessee, Carson Newman College, East Tennessee State University, and Watters State Community College; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of the educational system on numerous levels, Ms. Lee currently serves on the Executive Board and as Secretary for the Hamblen County Education Association; she has been a member of the TEA Representative Assembly since 1995, and has served as a Delegate for the NEA Representative Assembly for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, she additionally holds membership in the Lakeway and Tennessee Reading Councils and is the local Chair of Read Across America; and

WHEREAS, proving to be a wonderful asset to the Hamblen County School System, Ms. Lee is a Career Ladder III Teacher; she wrote and was awarded a BellSouth Grant for digital cameras in the classroom and presented the program in Atlanta; was responsible for the

development of Three Plus One Teaching for which she received a grant of \$20,000 from Goals 2000 and collaborated with first grade teachers to implement the grant; and she has served as extended contract teacher and as a Summer School tutor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her success as an educator in Hamblen County, Ms. Lee has taught training sessions on digital photography and organization and was a Presenter at both the 2003 Title I Conference and the Tennessee Technology Conference; and

WHEREAS, aside from her acclaimed endeavors in education, Ms. Lee is active in her community, participating in Habitat for Humanity and Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lee is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lee truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, according to Dr. Dale Lynch, Director of Schools for Hamblen County, "To be recognized as building level Teacher of the Year by one's colleagues is one of the most prestigious honors one can receive," and Ms. Lee is certainly most deserving of such an accolade; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sue Lee truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sue Lee on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at West Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy